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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Frank MICHL, Gean Jack HSU and Matthias HELLER  
SUBSTRATE-COATING SYSTEM AND AN ASSOCIATED SUBSTRATE-  
HEATING METHOD  
Assignee: **CARL ZEISS SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING  
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Our Ref. Q72403

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-six (26) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is Nonpublication Request. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and of an Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/419,095, filed October 18, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated into the present application by reference.

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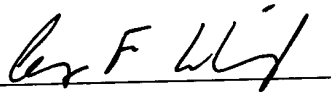
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Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, October 20, 2003, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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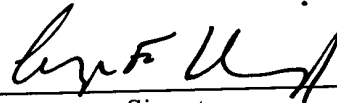
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